

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MITCHELL COUNTY, IOWA

Monday, November 10, 2008

The Board of Supervisors convened at 8:30 a.m. with all members present. Also present were Charlie Pajer, Betty McCarthy and Wendy Heuton. Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to include retail trade analysis and to approve the amended agenda. All voted aye.

County Attorney Mark Walk discussed the CAT Grant agreement. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve Resolution #741-08 acknowledging that Mitchell County has received notice of the receipt of a Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) award for a bike trail in Mitchell and Howard Counties. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed a letter from the Cerro Gordo County Commission of Veteran Affairs regarding a termination of an intergovernmental contract to provide assistance to Mitchell County veterans and family members. Supervisor Walk will attend a meeting with the Cerro Gordo Board of Supervisors and report back to this Board.

Discussed a newspaper circulation legal notice request from the Riceville Recorder. The County Attorney stated that the newspaper will need to provide a sworn statement of their circulation numbers before the Board can act on the request.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to authorize the Chair to sign a letter to the Iowa State Department of Revenue verifying that on November 4, 2008 the Mitchell County rural residents adopted a hotel/motel tax and that the tax should be imposed on January 1, 2009. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to set November 25, 2008 at 8:45 a.m. as the date and time to hold a public hearing to consider granting an easement for underground electrical distribution lines and communication lines, roads and other improvements to the Pioneer Prairie Wind Farm I, L.L.C. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Osage Chamber of Commerce secretary Wendy Heuton reviewed a retail trade area analysis program. The program would be conducted by a person from Iowa State University and would cost approximately \$1,000. After discussion, motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve payment from the Tourism budget of up to \$1,000 for the retail trade analysis to be conducted in Mitchell County. Roll call vote: all ayes

Motion by Marreel, second by Walk to approve the minutes of the November 4th meeting. Roll call vote: all ayes.

After discussion, motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the claims. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Discussed tax increment financing (TIF) for the McIntire and Stacyville areas. Marreel reported that the City of McIntire plans to sign the Urban Renewal Plan Agreement.

It was reported that a notice of the availability of an environmental assessment for the City of Carpenter sewer project was placed in the November 12th edition of the Mitchell County Press News for publication.

Items of note: Marreel reported on the FMC Board meeting and Walk reported on a meeting with officials from the City of Stacyville. Received the October Clerk of Court report in the amount of \$799.30. To be noted that \$400,000 was transferred from the Rural Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund.

Curt Younker reviewed the Sheriff's report for October. Motion by Walk, second by Marreel to approve the Sheriff's report in the amount of \$29,079.11. Roll call vote: all ayes.

County Engineer Jim Hyde reported that the Roads department is putting on snow equipment and putting up snow fences. Discussed options to repair the Halvorson Park Bridge.

Regular meeting recessed at 10:58 a.m. The Board constituted themselves as a Board of Canvassers and proceeded to canvas the votes for the General Election held November 4, 2008.

It was found that candidates received votes for County offices as follows:

*Stan Walk	Independent Supervisor District #2	873 votes
Lee Boerjan	Republican Supervisor District #2	734 votes
William K. Squier	Democrat Supervisor District #2	320 votes
David Feldt	Nominated by Petition	117 votes
*Lowell Tesch	Republican Auditor	3,265 votes
Deneen Schweiger	Democrat Auditor	2,378 votes
*Curtis W. Younker	Republican Sheriff	3,619 votes
Gary Mick Comisky	Democrat Sheriff	2,033 votes
*Don Hendrickson	Hospital Trustee 6 year term	3,653 votes
*Larry Abel	Hospital Trustee 6 year term	3,268 votes
*Chuck Laues	Hospital Trustee 6 year term	3,014 votes
*Brad Johnson	Soil & Water Commissioner 4 year term	3,808 votes
*Rose Ann McCarthy	Soil & Water Commissioner 4 year term	3,334 votes
*Eric Jellum	Soil & Water Commissioner 4 year term	3,062 votes
*Steve Rachut	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	3,460 votes
*Linda Kruse	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	2,801 votes
*Shari Klaes	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	2,331 votes
*Cindy Hemann	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	2,210 votes

Annette Jellum	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	1,595 votes
Perry Weigle	Ag Extension Council 4 year term	1,538 votes

Township officers elected were:

Cedar	Trustee 4 year term	Robert Hollatz
Douglas	Trustee 4 year term	Herb Johanns
East Lincoln	Trustee 4 year term	Richard Wright
Jenkins	Trustee 4 year term	Lee Newton
Liberty	Trustee 4 year term	Bruce Weis
Mitchell	Trustee 4 year term	Darwin Koster
Newburg	Trustee 4 year term	Frederick Steinberg
Osage	Trustee 4 year term	Kevin Popp
Otranto	Trustee 4 year term	Loren Meyer
Rock	Trustee 4 year term	Jack Schotanus
St. Ansgar	Trustee 4 year term	John Groth
Stacyville	Trustee 4 year term	Norbert A. Hemann
Union	Trustee 4 year term	Allen Hofland
Wayne	Trustee 4 year term	Philip Jenson
West Lincoln	Trustee 4 year term	Daniel Lewis

The Board then signed the proper abstracts of votes for the Federal, State and District candidates to be sent to the Secretary of State.

Meeting adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Lowell Tesch - Mitchell County Auditor

Joel Voaklander – Chair Board of Supervisors